



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR November 10, 2009**



DATE: Tuesday, November 10, 2009
TIME: 5:03 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Anjuli Sastry, Vice-Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Commissioners Hannah Bowman, Lamont Carter, Jordan Flores, McCaulay Singer Milnes, and Angela Sterling-Vick.

Absent: Commissioner Ellen Hui

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 13, 2009, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Flores / Carter (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Minutes of September 8, 2009 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved (7): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Flores, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

Absent (1): Commissioner Ellen Hui

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

T/C Wong stated that the Youth Advisory Commission contact list has been updated. He also provided the Youth Commissioners a copy of that list.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. New Business

A. Updating Community Service Opportunity Resources

(Discussion / Action Item) Sterling-Vick, Singer Milnes,

Commissioner Sterling-Vick stated that she needed more time and would like to continue discussion at the next meeting. Chairperson Sastry stated that delaying this will cause a set back to the project.

Commissioner Singer Milnes stated that she was not able to find the information on line. T/C Wong and R/S Russi provided a copy of the “Community Service Graduation Requirement 2005-2006” from

the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) website. T/C Wong stated that follow-through is strongly advised. The Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF) and the AUSD will soon review and update their website. The completion of updates of the Community Service Opportunity Resources by the Youth Commission will provide better up-to-date information to all students, parents, and different agencies. R/S Russi, stated that the City of Alameda has their own list for the public to earn volunteer service hours.

Chairperson Sastry stated that Alameda High requires 20 volunteer hours of Community Service.

Commissioner Bowman stated that Bishop O'Dowd requires 60 volunteer hours from student's junior and senior year combined. Their freshmen and sophomore year require 30 volunteer hours each.

Commissioner Hui stated that Head Royce requires the sophomore and Junior Class 20 hours of community service hours. The Senior Class requires 60 hours.

Commissioner Sterling-Vick and Singer Milnes will continue to work on this and to provide a report at the next AYAC meeting.

B. Participation in Youth Yellow Pages with Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF)

(Discussion / Action Item)

Jim Franz, Community Development Coordinator, requested that the AYAC assist with providing input, and updating the Youth Yellow Pages. Mr. Franz stated that this is a joint project with the Social Service Human Resource Board (SSHRB), ACCYF, AUSD, and hopefully the AYAC will assist. This is a teen friendly guide updated with information about local shopping, dining, teen friendly activities, events, and Community Service opportunities that can be utilized. Commissioner Carter suggested having college prep classes (SAT), and college application, information, and scholarship resources (Rotary, Red Cross, Etc.). R/S Russi mentioned including the Teen Job Search Skills Workshop. Commissioner Flores can be the point of contact with the assistant by Commissioners Bowman, Sastry.

M/S/C Flores / Sterling-Vick (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission participate in the updating of the Youth Yellow Pages in Alameda with ACCYF.”

Approved (7): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Flores, Singer Milnes, and Sterling-Vick.

Absent (1): Commissioner Ellen Hui

C. Participation in the Mayors Holiday Tree Decorating Contest (Best of Alameda Theme)

(Discussion / Action Item)

R/S Russi stated the Mayor is holding a Holiday Tree Decorating Contest inviting all the local non-profit youth organizations to decorate a six to nine foot Christmas tree, to be later displayed at the Mayors Tree Lighting Ceremony, and then planted at a local park. This can be a joint decoration with Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) or have the commission their own tree to decorate.

M/S/C Chair Sastry / Bowman (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission participate with the Alameda Youth Committee on the Mayor’s Holiday Tree Decorating Contest.”

Approved (5): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Bowman, Carter, and Sterling-Vick.
Not Approved (2): Commissioners Jordan Flores, Singer Milnes
Absent (2): Commissioners Ellen Hui, Angela Sterling-Vick (left early)

D. Participation with the Teen Program on Holiday Drives

(Can Food, Toys for Tots, Fall and Winter Coats, Spare Change & Adopt a Family)
(Discussion / Action Item)

T/C Wong requested that the AYAC assist in the different drives above. Commissioner Bowman stated that Bishop O’Dowd is already doing something similar. Commissioners Carter and Singh also stated the same. R/S Russi stated that as long as AYAC are aware of the need during the holiday season, and teens are assisting in these programs, and that AYAC promotes the idea of giving, is very helpful and thoughtful.

M/S/C Chair Bowman / Flores (Unanimously Approved)

“That the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission will participate in Holiday Drives with the Alameda Youth Committee”.

Approved (6): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Flores, Singer Milnes.
Absent (2): Commissioners Ellen Hui, Angela Sterling-Vick (left early)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Discussion / Action Item)

A. Establish a “Goals List” and Short Term Goals for 2009-2010.

(Discussion / Action Item)

Chair Sastry stated that the following list of items to consider for the “2009-2010 AYAC Priority List” are:

- 1) Regularly Attending “Alameda Youth Speaks”** meetings to listen to teens speak freely to the Alameda Police Department on matters regarding police procedures, safety in and around Alameda schools, and the City.
- 2.) Collaborating with Alameda Youth Committee (AYC)** or co-sponsor future events geared towards teens, also focusing on other youth groups (especially teens with disabilities – Special Olympics).
- 3.) Working with ACCYF and SSHRB** on updating segments of the **Alameda Youth Yellow Pages**.
- 4) Speaking to and informing the Board of Education (BOE)** on a bi-annual basis, about the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC) goals and ongoing projects that the Commission is working on.

5.) **Collaborating with various Community Organizations on City-wide activities**, (eg: Mayors Tree Decorating Contest, Alameda Walks, "Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest and Pet Parade", Teen Haunted House, etc.).

6.) **Updating the Community Service Volunteer / Opportunity Resource for Teens.**

7.) **Continuing to support the Teen Job Search Skills Workshop** and by exploring the possibility of adding another topic of "Financial Life Skills Education."

M/S/C Bowman / Carter (Unanimously Approved)

"That the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission establish the seven items discussed above for the "2009-2010 Priority List".

Approved (6): Chairperson Sastry, Vice Chairperson Singh, Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Flores, Singer Milnes.

Absent (2): Commissioners Ellen Hui, Angela Sterling-Vick (left early)

B. Report on "Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest and Pet Parade".

(Discussion / Action Item) Flores

Commissioner Flores stated that the event was very fun and successful. There were many dogs dressed up in costumes, and many people were there during the pet parade. Commissioner stated that he assisted with set up of decorations, gate monitoring. R/S Russi stated that Carrie (the "Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest and Pet Parade" Event Organizer) stated that both the Teen Volunteers were very helpful and spoke highly of the volunteers. Jim Franz, a pet owner also thanked the Commission. He stated that it is very important to keep the pets safe by helping and monitoring the gates so owners and their pets could also enjoy the event.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

R/S Russi invited AYAC to promote and participate in 1) Hometown Holiday Weekend activities which include ice rinks, live reindeers: 2) Snowflakes Searching and Guessing Contest.

Shaun, ARPD Intern, stated that ARPD is hosting a 3-on-3 middle and high school basketball tournament to be held on Saturday, December 19th at the Alameda Point Gym. He also stated that volunteers are still needed, and if Commissioners are interested in volunteering to let him know.

T/C Wong stated that he will be on vacation from November 19-December 9. All communications should go through Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor.

8. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, December 8, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:23 PM